**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ World Religions DBQ Essay**

**How does religion shape the lives and culture of its followers?**

**Task:** Using the information from the documents and your knowledge of global history write and essay in which you:

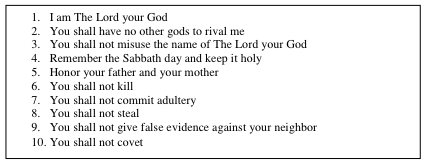
1. Explain the basic beliefs of at least 3 religions
2. Explain how those beliefs impact the lives and culture of their followers

Be sure to include specific historical details. Your essay must also include addition information from your knowledge of global history.

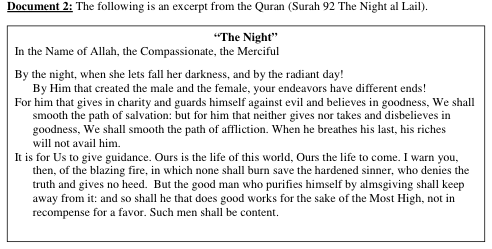
**Historical Background:**

Religions and philosophies that developed in ancient times have had a great impact on the lives of their followers. As the five major religions developed and grew they impacted the development of history in a tremendous way

Document 1: The Ten Commandments

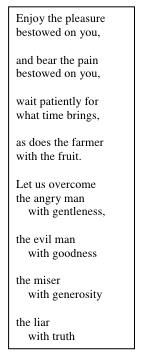


1. To which religion(s) does this apply?
2. How does a person follow the moral code of this religion (s)?



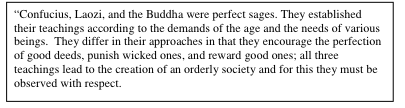
1. What two attributes of Allah are identified in the opening line of “The Night”?
2. How will Allah punish those who deny the truth?

Document 3: The following is an excerpt from Mahbharata, an Ancient Indian epic from about 400 B. C.



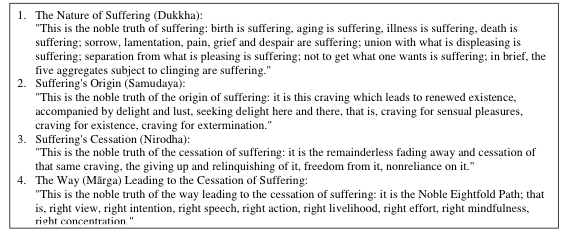
1. Explain 2 lessons “The Mahabharata” teaches about Hindu life?
2. What moral characteristic is the excerpt teaching?

Document 4: The following is an excerpt from the essay, “On the Nature of Man”, which was written by Zong Mi. He was leading a Buddhist scholar during the Tang dynasty in the early ninth century C. E.



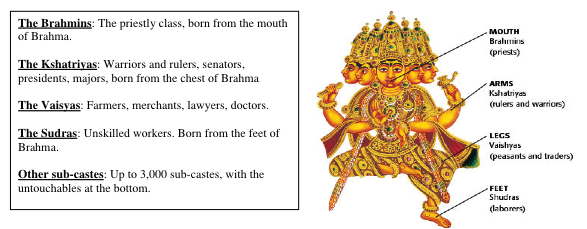
1. According to Zong Mi, why should Confucius, Laozi, and Buddha be respected?

Document 5: The following is the Four Noble Truths taken from a Chinese Buddhist canon text.



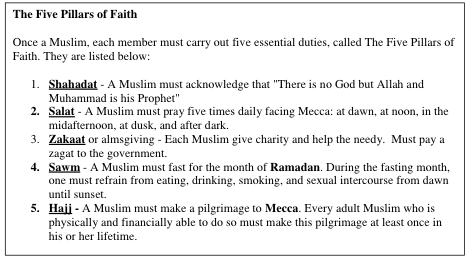
1. According to the Four Noble Truths, what is the cause of suffering and how does it end?

Document 6: The following depicts the origins of the Hindu Caste system. The four major castes emerged from Purusha. Purusha is identified with the creator god Brahma.



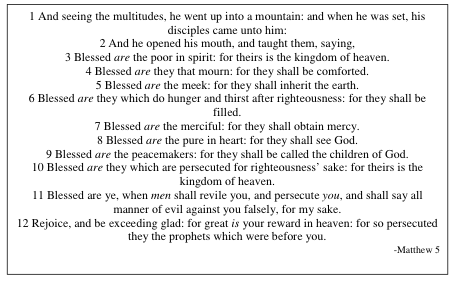
1. What group makes up the Sudra class and what does that illustrate?
2. Why might the caste of the Brahmins be associated with the mouth?

Document 7: As part of the Islamic religion, all true Muslims must perform 5 duties, call the Five Pillars of Faith.



1. What duties does each Muslim have according to the document?

Document 8: The following is and excerpt from the New Testament of the Christian Bible.



1. What happens to Christians who are merciful?